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Anthrax has been described for thousands of years, beginning with the fifth Egyptian plague (around 1500 BC). The disease became known in the Middle Ages as the Black Bane because it nearly destroyed the cattle herds in Europe. Then in the 1800s great scientists, such as Louis Pasteur, focused on this disease and developed the first man made vaccine for animals. (Friedlander, Chapter 22) The bacteria that produce anthrax is Bacillus anthracis. These bacteria can develop a tough protective coat which allows them to survive in the environment for decades. These are called spores.Animals normally swallow the spores while grazing. If they swallow enough to become infected, they develop the disease and eventually die. Normally people can only become infected by direct contact with the infected animal or animal products or by eating the infected meat. Naturally occurring anthrax has been controlled through animal vaccination although outbreaks still occur in regions where animals are not vaccinated (parts of Africa and Asia).Anthrax is an effective weapon because the spores can be easily spread in the air. Weaponizing anthrax makes it possible to infect many people through the air without having to have contact with animals. The vaccine that we will be receiving was developed in the United States in the 1950s and 1960s for humans and has been used safely in this country for more than 25 years. #

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Inhalation anthrax occurs when the spores enter the body through the lungsMust inhale spores to be infected Not transmitted person to personSpores migrate to lymph system where bacteria multiply and produce lethal toxinsToxins cause bleeding and destruction of structures in the middle of the chest and death

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Human body has a natural defense system to fight infectionVaccine primes body's defense system to fight anthrax Critical part of your protection against anthraxSafely used for more than 25 years

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All vaccinations routinely deferred during pregnancyBefore vaccination, ask all women if pregnantDefer vaccination if pregnantContinue when no longer pregnantBreast feeding not a contraindication to vaccination

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Vaccine Efficacy. This vaccine induces an immune response in 91% of recipients after 2 shots, and in more than 95% of recipients after 3 shots. 100% of recipients develop antibodies after the yearly booster shot. A clinical study using a similar vaccine was conducted with textile workers in the northeastern U.S. Five cases of inhalation anthrax occurred in the unvaccinated group and no cases of inhalation anthrax occurred in the vaccinated group. However, there were not enough inhalation cases to prove efficacy against an inhalation challenge. Even with 100% antibody response, your defense system can be overwhelmed given a sufficient number of spores. Therefore, it is critical that even when we are fully vaccinated we must use our protective masks.r

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